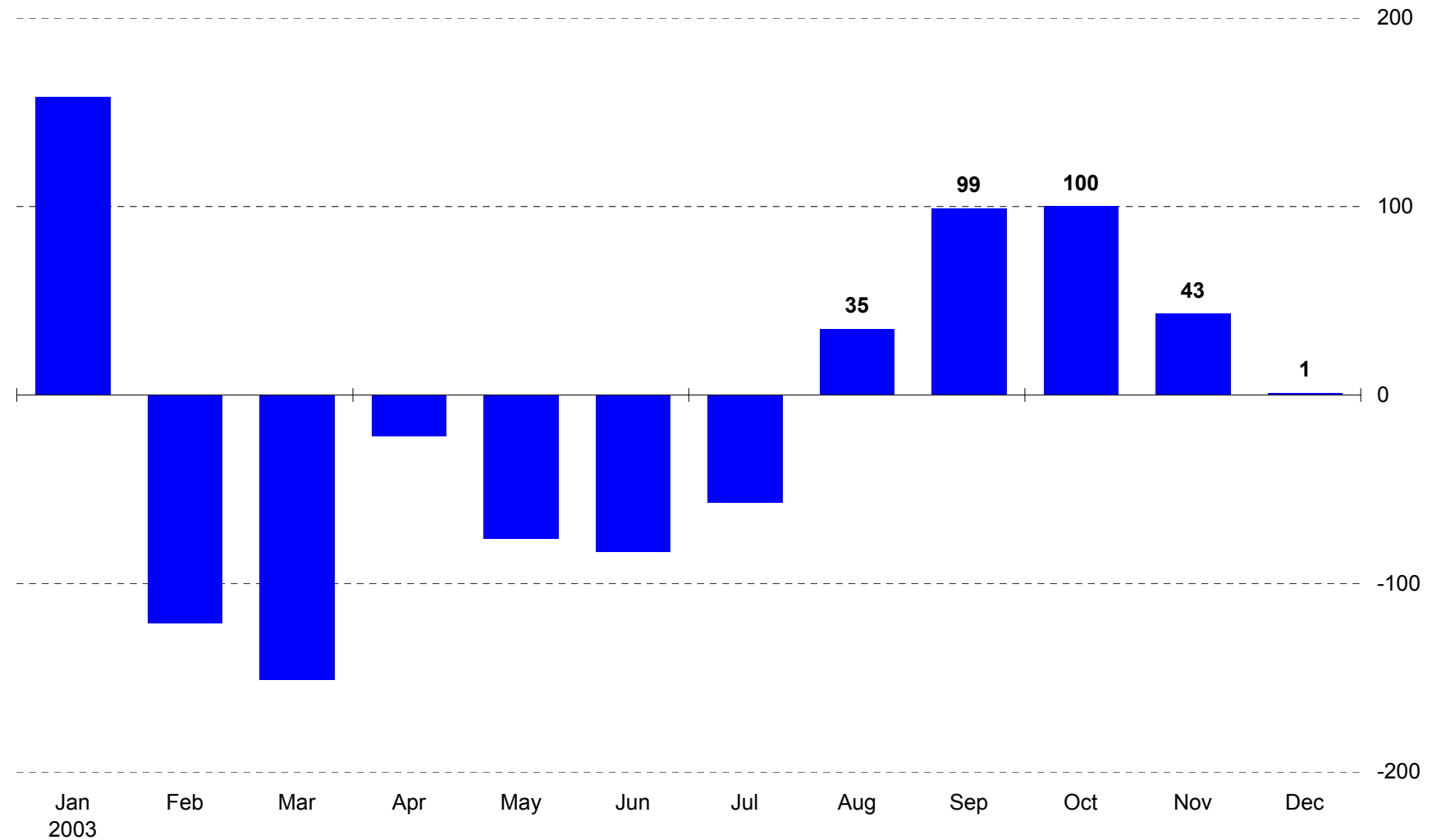


## Payrolls Increase 278,000 Jobs in Five Months

(Change in employment, SA, in thousands)



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